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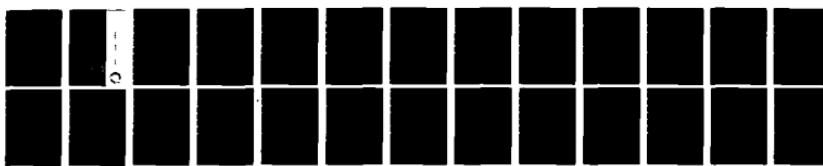
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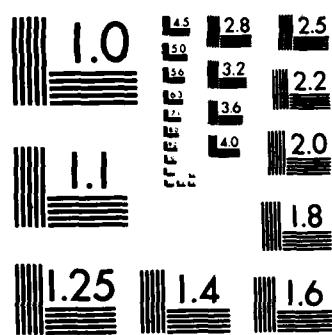
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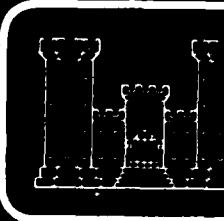


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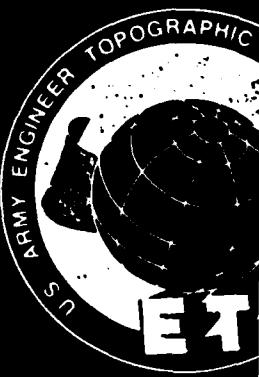
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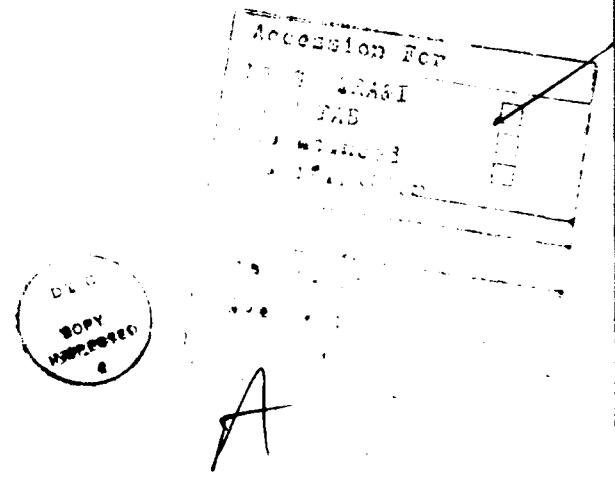
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PREFACE

This work was authorized by U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, under FY 82 DA Project Task Area Work Unit Number 4A161102B 52C B 012, "Electronic Image Analysis for Feature Extraction."

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PRELIMINARY RADAR FEATURE EXTRACTION AND RECOGNITION USING TEXTURE MEASUREMENT

INTRODUCTION

Recently an image-domain processing technique was investigated and implemented with an experimental solid-state sensor array-minicomputer system at the U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories (ETL).¹ The system employs a 32-element by 32-element solid-state sensor array to convert images into electronic signals and a minicomputer to process the signals for extracting and classifying the cartographic features from the imagery into preassigned categories based on a feature vector. The images under test and investigation were selected aerial photographs.

The purpose of this effort was to modify and verify the above system for extracting and recognizing features from a selected set of radar imagery of the Huntsville, Alabama, area. Description of the system modification is followed by a discussion of the selection of feature vector components and classification strategy. Classification results for a set of selected radar imagery are presented. Finally, conclusions are given together with comments regarding extensions of this work.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The hardware portion of the system used for this experimentation is essentially the same as the one reported previously.² The voltage of the light source was increased because most of the radar imagery was rather dark. A new software program was developed for the extraction of radar features because radar signatures of terrain features are quite different from their counterparts, the cartographic features from aerial photographs.

¹P.F. Chen, *A Sensing Array System with Image Statistics Processing*, U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, ETL-0297, May 1982, AD-A119 259.

²*Ibid.*

The block diagram of the system is shown in figure 1. A 9-inch by 9-inch glass plate mounted with strips of radar imagery is illuminated by a white light source, and a section of the image is projected onto a Reticon 32-element by 32-element, solid-state array through an imaging lens. The array converts the optical energy of the image into a video signal. The video signal is quantized into 10 bits of digital signals and sent to the Hewlett-Packard 2108 minicomputer for processing. The computer first takes in the quantized signals of 32 pixels by 32 pixels of 1,024 gray levels array. With the brightest and darkest pixels within a frame as the maximum and minimum, this quantized image array is next scaled down to become 32 pixels by 32 pixels of 16 gray levels. The joint probability matrix of this scale array is then obtained. The next step is to compute a feature vector based on the joint probability matrix. Although nine feature vector components were computed, only two are needed for classification of the selected radar imagery. A sequential template-matching classifier is used to classify the input images into one of the preassigned image categories; an image is recognized as a reject if it does not belong to any of these categories. The classification result is then indicated on a CRT console. At the end of classification a signal is sent to the translational stage controllers to move the stages in the predetermined X and Y positions, and a new section of image is projected onto the surface of the solid-state array. The procedure described repeats until all preselected image sections are classified.

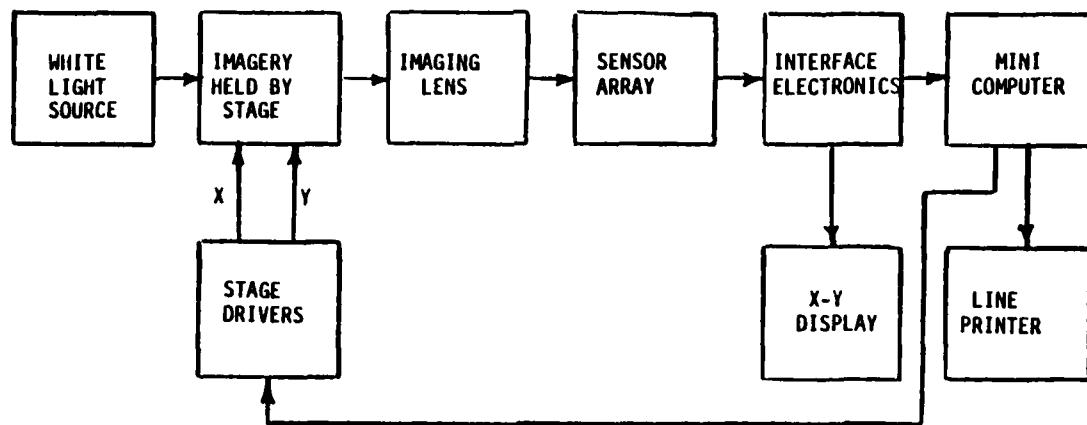


FIGURE 1. System Block Diagram.

RADAR FEATURE EXTRACTION

The system described in the previous report uses image histogram and image texture as the bases for developing a feature vector.³ Only the image-texture technique was considered for the extraction of radar features from a selected set of radar imagery because the image categories of interest are easier to separate.⁴

Image-texture features (second-order image statistics) are based on the definition of the joint probability distribution of pairs of pixels. Pratt stated that the two-dimensional histogram can be considered as an estimate of joint probability distribution.⁵ Consider a pair of pixels $F(j, k)$ and $F(m, n)$ that are separated by γ radial units, and are at an angle θ with respect to the x-axis of the measurement window. The histogram estimate of the second-order distribution is given by Pratt⁶ as

$$P(a, b) = \frac{N(a, b)}{M} \quad (1)$$

Where M is the total number of all occurrences in the measurement window and $N(a, b)$ denotes the number of occurrences for which $F(j, k) = a$, $F(m, n) = b$. Various texture measures that have been used in this study are listed in appendix A (and also in ETL-0297).⁷ These measures are as follows:

1. Mean
2. Variance
3. Covariance
4. Autocorrelation
5. Absolute Value
6. Energy
7. Inverse Difference
8. Inertia
9. Entropy

³P.F. Chen, *A Sensing Array System with Image Statistics Processing*, U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, ETL-0297, May 1982, AD-A119 259.

⁴W.K. Pratt, *Digital Image Processing*, New York, John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1978.

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶*Ibid.*

⁷Chen, *op. cit.*

For our application, $P(a, b)$ was made to be symmetrical so that $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$, and $V_a = V_b$ (see appendix A). Each input image was first scaled down from 1,024 to 16 gray levels ($L = 16$). Nine components of the feature vector based on these equations given in appendix A and equation (1) were then computed. Equation (1) was evaluated for θ values of 0, 45, 90, and 135 degrees. The corresponding feature vector components of different θ 's for each image category of interest were compared. It was discovered that only two components of the feature vector, namely the covariance and the autocorrelation, and the number of pixels within the measurement window that are above a specific threshold value (NPATV) were required for classification purposes.

CLASSIFIER

For the selected set of radar imagery, only two components of the feature vector computed in the previous section plus the number of pixels above a threshold value (NPATV) were used to constitute a three-dimensional sequential template-matching classifier. These three components are as follows:

1. Covariance
2. Autocorrelation
3. The number of pixels above the threshold value (NPATV).

Many prototype image samples were obtained from a set of radar imagery to determine the upper and lower limits of the template values for each image category. Three template ranges for the covariance were defined as follows: water, -2.0 to 1.5; field, 0 to 1.5; and city and forest, 1.5 to 6. The template ranges for the autocorrelation were designated to be city, 0 to 40 and forest, above 40 to 150. Likewise, the template ranges for the NPATV were set to be water, 0 to 500 and field, above 501 to 1023 (see figure 2).

The covariance of the unknown incoming input image is first compared to the template ranges of the covariance template. If its value is within the range of -2.0 to 1.5, then the NPATV of the input image is compared to its corresponding template. If it is equal to or less than 500, the input image is classified as "water." If NPATV is greater than 500 or the covariance is not within the range of -2.0 to 1.5, then the next test will be performed. The sequence of tests is always from "water" to "field" to "forest" and finally to "city" as listed in appendix B. The covariance template is used as the preliminary template for all four image categories of interest. The autocorrelation template is selected as the final decision template for "forest" and "city," while the NPATV template is employed as the final decision template for "water" and "field." Finally, if the unknown image does not belong to any step of the test described, it is then classified as "not recognized."

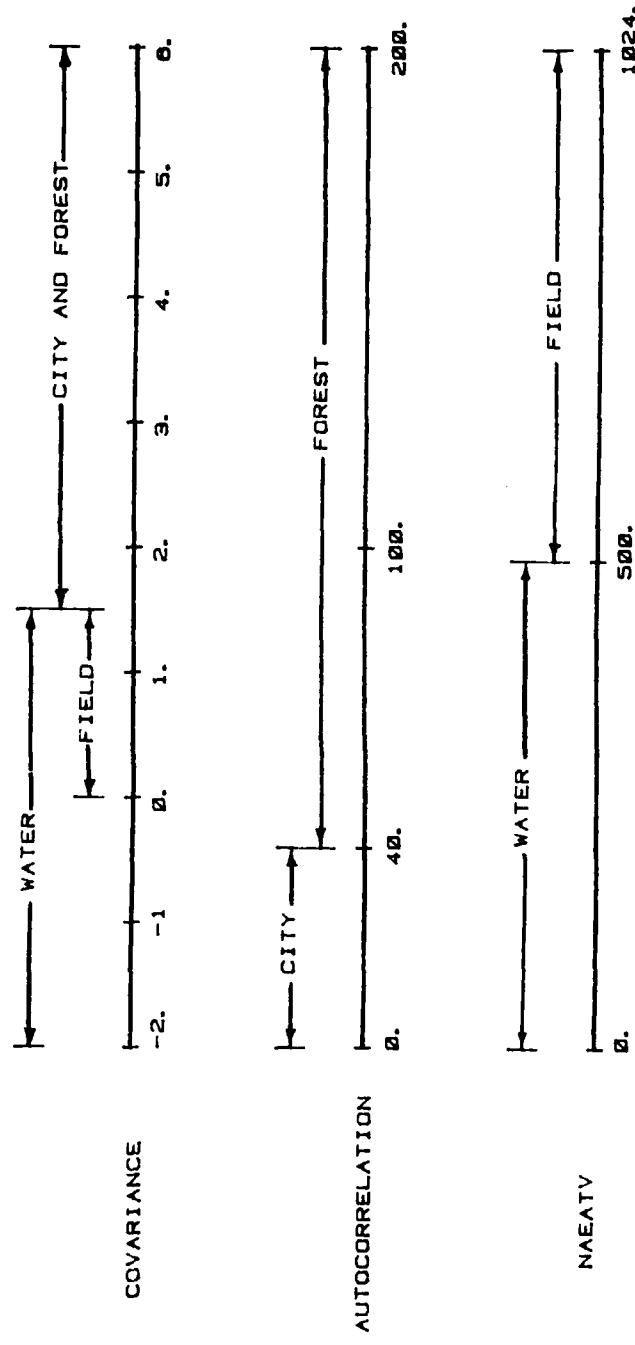


FIGURE 2. Template Ranges for Feature Vector Used for Radar Image Classification.

TEST RESULTS

A set of high-quality, scale of 1 to 100,000, X-band, synthetic aperture radar imagery from the Huntsville, Alabama, area was used for this experimentation. The set consisted of image categories such as city (combination of commercial and residential structures, DLMS categories #504 FIC 301 and #505 FIC 401), field (agriculture, used primarily for crop and pasture land, DLMS category #510 FIC 950), water (river, smooth fresh water, DLMS category #501 FIC 941), and forest (deciduous, DLMS category #510 FIC 952). Figures 3(a) to 6(a) show the line printer output of the typical radar image categories of city, field, water, and forest respectively. Each is printed in 16 gray shades by line printing. In figures 3(b) to 6(b), the nine feature vector components computed by using equations in appendix A and equation (1) and the NPATV are shown for each image category.

Approximately 100 images covering all four categories were scanned. These images were used as input to evaluate the classification accuracy of the sequential template-matching classifier. The result is illustrated in figure 7. An overall classification accuracy of approximately 92 percent was obtained. The category determination of prototype (or reference) images that were used for this classifier was based on the ground truth located from a map of the same area.

The variations of the feature vector components with respect to the texture-measurement angle, θ , for the selected radar-image categories of city, field, water, and forest are illustrated in figures 8 through 11, respectively. The covariance measure for city is highly directional, as indicated in figure 8. The covariance for the horizontal and vertical ($\theta = 0$ and 90 degrees) directions is almost twice that measured in the diagonal sense ($\theta = 45$ and 135 degrees). The big jump in covariance of water for the measurement direction, $\theta = 90$ degrees, was due to a thin, long bright object running through in the vertical direction in that particular measurement window. Other variations are relatively small and insignificant. The classification accuracy shown in figure 7 was obtained by using the texture-measurement angle, $\theta = 0$ degree.

FIGURE 3. (a) Pictorial Print of Input Image, and (b) Feature Vector Components for City.

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FIGURE 4. (a) Pictorial Print of Input Image, and (b) Feature Vector Components for Field.

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(a) (b)

FIGURE 5. (a) Pictorial Print of Input Image, and (b) Feature Vector Components for Water.

FIGURE 6. (a) Pictorial Print of Input Image, and (b) Feature Vector Components for Forest.

		CLASSIFIED CATEGORY				
		WATER	FIELD	FOREST	CITY	NOT RECOGNIZED
TRUE IMAGE CATEGORY	WATER	25	0	0	0	0
	FIELD	2	23	0	0	0
FOREST	0	0	23	2	0	
CITY	0	0	3	22	0	

NUMBER OF OVERALL IMAGES, 100
 NUMBER OF OVERALL CORRECT CLASSIFICATION, 92
 PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL CORRECT CLASSIFICATION, 92.0

FIGURE 7. Classification Results for Sequential Template Matching Classifier.

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CITY($\theta=0$ DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 5.483 VAR= 4.852 COV= 3.19426
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .04563
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .52381
ENTROPY= 3.68050
CONTRAST= 3.31452
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.30645
AUTOCORRELATION= 32.38914
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 316
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CITY($\theta=45$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 5.455 VAR= 5.005 COV= 1.74535
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .03322
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .43073
ENTROPY= 3.91361
CONTRAST= 6.52029
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.83767
AUTOCORRELATION= 31.49950
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 815
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CITY($\theta=90$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 5.374 VAR= 5.154 COV= 3.08291
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .04282
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .52379
ENTROPY= 3.71620
CONTRAST= 4.16129
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.40323
AUTOCORRELATION= 31.96271
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 814
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CITY($\theta=135$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 5.454 VAR= 4.929 COV= 1.77023
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .03506
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .44541
ENTROPY= 3.88526
CONTRAST= 6.31842
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.79605
AUTOCORRELATION= 31.51303
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 819
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 8. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to θ for City.

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FTFIELD(θ=0 DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 4.667 VAR= 1.443 COV= .96662
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .21235
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .78491
ENTROPY= 1.94701
CONTRAST=.95262
ABSOLUTE VALUE=.58706
AUTOCORRELATION= 22.74597
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FTFIELD(θ=45 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 4.608 VAR= 1.450 COV= .69209
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20567
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .76567
ENTROPY= 2.01150
CONTRAST= 1.51409
ABSOLUTE VALUE=.60146
AUTOCORRELATION= 21.92299
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 139
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FTFIELD(θ=90 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 4.614 VAR= 1.619 COV= 1.13963
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20983
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .80782
ENTROPY= 1.95769
CONTRAST=.95867
ABSOLUTE VALUE=.45867
AUTOCORRELATION= 22.43244
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 139
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FTFIELD(θ=135 DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 4.589 VAR= 1.447 COV= .69994
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .20528
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .74907
ENTROPY= 1.99932
CONTRAST= 1.49428
ABSOLUTE VALUE=.61186
AUTOCORRELATION= 21.75858
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 142
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 9. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to θ for Field.

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WATER ($\theta=0$ DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY = 1.000
AVE = 11.611 VAR = 4.900 COV = .89938
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .11266
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .51204
ENTROPY = 2.64173
CONTRAST = 8.00303
ABSOLUTE VALUE = 1.69454
AUTOCORRELATION = 135.72278
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT = 0
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS
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WATER ($\theta=45$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY = 1.000
Ave = 12.200 Var = 9.371 Cov = 1.23459
Angular Second Order Moment = .10252
Inverse Second Order Moment = .50183
Entropy = 2.73039
Contrast = 8.27367
Absolute Value = 1.76796
Autocorrelation = 150.08224
No. of Elements>IT = 0
Second Order Statistics
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WATER ($\theta=90$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY = 1.000
AVE = 10.641 VAR = 6.124 COV = 3.51939
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .11007
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .55014
ENTROPY = 2.70480
CONTRAST = 5.20958
ABSOLUTE VALUE = 1.40724
AUTOCORRELATION = 116.75305
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT = 0
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS
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WATER ($\theta=135$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY = 1.000
AVE = 11.523 VAR = 4.706 COV = .85403
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .10713
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .47410
ENTROPY = 2.67107
CONTRAST = 7.70447
ABSOLUTE VALUE = 1.77940
AUTOCORRELATION = 133.64310
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT = 0
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FIGURE 10. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to θ for Water.

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FOREST($\theta=0$ DEGREE)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 7.045 VAR= 3.585 COV= 2.33354
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .03534
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .55526
ENTROPY= 3.67226
CONTRAST= 2.56282
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.13306
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.98498
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 966
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FOREST($\theta=45$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 7.051 VAR= 3.447 COV= 1.84960
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .02832
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .47812
ENTROPY= 3.86469
CONTRAST= 3.59625
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.43797
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.56502
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 966
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FOREST($\theta=90$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 4.983 VAR= 4.224 COV= 2.79106
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .02904
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .51132
ENTROPY= 3.81064
CONTRAST= 2.96593
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.27319
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.55849
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 966
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FOREST($\theta=135$ DEGREES)

SUM PROBABILITY= 1.000
AVE= 7.072 VAR= 3.639 COV= 1.58778
ANGULAR SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .02778
INVERSE SECOND ORDER MOMENT = .46328
ENTROPY= 3.88963
CONTRAST= 4.18198
ABSOLUTE VALUE= 1.52341
AUTOCORRELATION= 51.59837
NO. OF ELEMENTS>IT= 965
SECOND ORDER STATISTICS

FIGURE 11. Variation of Feature Vector Components with Respect to θ for Forest.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The image-texture technique provides an effective means for evaluating texture and coarseness of radar area features.
2. The technique is most applicable for extracting and classifying if the search window contains only a single category of radar features such as city, forest, water, or field. Multiple categories of radar features contained in a search window were mostly misclassified or rejected as not recognized. Determination and detection of boundaries between different radar features are subjects of future research.
3. A preliminary classification accuracy of slightly better than 90 percent was obtained for a selected set of radar imagery from the Huntsville, Alabama, area.
4. The technique will be extended, and similar experiments will be conducted for a wide range of radar imagery from various locations and for imagery taken with different radar depression angles.

APPENDIX A. Feature Vector Components

$$\text{Mean: } \bar{a} = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} a P(a, b)$$

$$\bar{b} = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} b P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Variance: } V_a = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - \bar{a})^2 P(a, b)$$

$$V_b = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (b - \bar{b})^2 P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Covariance: } C_o = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - \bar{a})(b - \bar{b}) P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Autocorrelation: } A_u = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} a b P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Absolute Value: } A_b = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} |a - b| P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Energy: } E_g = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} [P(a, b)]^2$$

APPENDIX A. Feature Vector Components (Continued)

$$\text{Inverse Difference: } I_d = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} \frac{P(a, b)}{1 + (a - b)^2}$$

$$\text{Inertia: } I_n = \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{b=0}^{L-1} (a - b)^2 P(a, b)$$

$$\text{Entropy: } E_n = -\sum_{a=0}^{L-1} \sum_{a=0}^{L-1} P(a, b) \log_2 [P(a, b)]$$

APPENDIX B. Computer Printout

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0001  FTN4,L
0002  C
0003  C*****SUBROUTINE "FDCT3" -- REV 07/25/80*****
0004  C
0005  C      SUBROUTINE TO PERFORM FEATURE CLASSIFICATION FOR PROGRAM
0006  C      "FDTX1"
0007  C
0008  SUBROUTINE FDCT3(COV,AU,ITS,LUOT)
0009  IF(COV.LT.-2.0R.COV.GT.1.50)GO TO 810
0010  IF(ITS.LT.0.OR.ITS.GT.500)GO TO 810
0011  WRITE(LUOT,80)
0012  GO TO 888
0013  810 IF(COV.LT.0.OR.COV.GT.1.50)GO TO 820
0014  IF(ITS.LT.500.OR.ITS.GT.1024)GO TO 820
0015  WRITE(LUOT,81)
0016  GO TO 888
0017  820 IF(COV.LT.1.50.OR.COV.GT.6.0)GO TO 830
0018  IF(AU.LT.40.OR.AU.GT.200)GO TO 830
0019  WRITE(LUOT,82)
0020  GO TO 888
0021  830 IF(COV.LT.1.50.OR.COV.GT.6)GO TO 840
0022  IF(AU.LT.00.OR.AU.GT.40)GO TO 840
0023  WRITE(LUOT,83)
0024  GO TO 888
0025  840 WRITE(LUOT,84)
0026  GO TO 888
0027  80 FORMAT(1X,"WATER")
0028  81 FORMAT(1X,"FIELD")
0029  82 FORMAT(1X,"FOREST")
0030  83 FORMAT(1X,"CITY")
0031  84 FORMAT(1X,"THIS CARTOGRAPHIC FEATURE IS NOT SPECIFIED")
0032  888 IF(LUOT.EQ.6)WRITE(LUOT,880)
0033  880 FORMAT("1")
0034  RETURN
0035  END
0036  END$
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